Mutts themselves and of the disciples thereof, it might become necessary for the Government to insist on certain conditions at the time of restoration of the properties so that past irregularities, if any, might not repeat. But merely because Government took the power it should not be supposed that they would go on exercising that power in each and every case.

Mr. L. VEMA REDDY said that it was the duty of Government to safeguard the interests of the *Mutts* and protect their properties. In this view he supported the amendment.

The general principles of the Bill were put to vote and passed.

The House then adjourned for the day to meet again at 12 of the clock the following day.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, 3rd June 1936.

The House reassembled at 12 of the clock, the Vice-President (*Rajamantrapravina* S. P. Rajagopalachari) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—
(*contd.*).

Sri Tirumale Venkataramanaswamy Temple at Magadi.

Q.—6. **Messrs. H. GANGAPPA** and **M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY** (Magadi Taluk); **V. VENKATAPPA** and **T. MADIAH GOWDA** (Channapatna Taluk); **Patel VEERE GOWDA** (Dodballapur Taluk); **S. KARIAPPA** and **G. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA** (Kankanhalli Taluk); **R. RANGAIAH** (Channapatna Municipality); **Patel GANGIAH** and **S. T. MALLASETTAPPA** (Nelamangala Taluk); **B. M. MUNISAMAPPA** (Bangalore Taluk); **R. DASAPPA** (Devanhalli Taluk); **S. SHARABHANNA** and **Nilgiri G. SANJEEVAIAH** (Anekal Taluk); **M. SIDDE GOWDA** and **K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR** (Special Interests); **A. M. VENKATASAMIAH** (Closepet Municipality) and **VEERASANJEEVA GOWDA** (Closepet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether several petitions have not been received from the public regarding the irregularities committed by the Convener of the Committee of *Dharmadarsis* of Sri Tirumale Venkataramanaswamy temple at Magadi since the constitution of the new Committee;

(*b*) how have the Government disposed of such petitions;

(*c*) have they been disposed of after enquiring from the public and ascertaining the truth thereof;

(*d*) have the Government received a complaint from one of the *Dharmadarsis* that the Convener has not utilised the temple funds in a proper manner?

A.—**The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).**—

(*a*) Two petitions were received from Mr. Dakshina Murthi, one of the *Dharmadarsis* of the temple.

(*b*) The Sub-Division Officer held an enquiry into the matter and set right the irregularities.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) *Vide* answer to question (*a*).

Mr. H. GANGAPPA.—What were the irregularities referred to in answer (*b*)?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—The chief complaint was that lumpsum amounts were drawn for piecemeal expenditure. Instructions have been given that this should not be done in future but only as much money as is actually necessary drawn.

Mr. H. GANGAPPA.—When did the Sub-Division Officer set right the irregularities?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—I cannot give the exact date. But a meeting was held, the *Dharmadarsis* were asked to follow the procedure referred to, and that was agreed to by them.

Mr. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—With reference to the reply of Government that two petitions were received from Mr. Dakshina Murthi, may I ask whether no one else had petitioned?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Others might have petitioned but Government are aware of only those two.